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SUPERMAN: HEROES 1

Do You Want to Know a Secret?

Ask anyone you see on the street if they can name Superman's secret identity, and odds are they'll instantly say "Clark Kent."

Well, that's about to become just as true in the DC Universe as it is here!

In ***Superman #18,*** *Brian Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado* chronicle the Man of Steel's efforts to confront some of his concerns about himself and his place in the galaxy. Part of this quest for self-fulfillment forces him to decide if there is a need for both Superman *and* Clark Kent. And the answer is "No."

"On some level, this is what DC brought me here for," Bendis told the ***New York Times.*** This is the latest of a series of major changes Bendis has introduced into the Superman mythos. It began when he sent Lois Lane and Jonathan Kent into the far reaches of the universe for a while; continued as readers learned that Lois had returned, but was keeping her presence a secret from her husband; and shocked longtime readers when Bendis aged Jonathan Kent and is now apparently sending him into the future to be a part of the Legion of Super-Heroes. But all of those changes involved the supporting cast: The change regarding Superman's secret identity shakes things up for the titular star of the series.

Bendis assures everyone that this isn't a one-issue twist that'll be remedied in the next month or two. "I don't do fake-out stories," he continued in his discussion with the ***New York Times'*** *George Gene Gustines*. "We wanted to do this because behind it is a thousand brand-new Superman stories that have never been told."

The ramifications of this event aren't limited to the pages of ***Superman,*** either. In January, ***Superman: Heroes*** will reveal how other heroes react to the revelation of Superman's dual identity. "Everybody who's ever been in contact with him is going to have a completely different perspective and reaction to this," Bendis said. "Some heroes are going to be thrilled; some heroes are going to be livid; some villains are going to change their ways." Who? Well, you'll have to wait and find out in the comics!"

The dual identity has already caused some problems for Superman: A photo of Lois kissing Superman led some to believe that she was cheating on her husband. That response is one of several reasons that Superman has begun to question the need for a Clark Kent (after all, the whole world already knows that Lois is important to Superman, so keeping a secret identity isn't doing much to protect her, or Jimmy Olsen, or Perry White, or the other people who revolve in the Man of Steel's orbit).

Once the news comes out, though, that will open up a whole new series of questions. For instance: Did the Man of Steel use his superpowers to enhance his career as a journalist? "Excellent question," Bendis told Gustines, "and I promise you that is the first thing that *Greg Rucka* stormed up to me with when we started working on this."

Superman #18, the issue that reveals Superman's secret, is scheduled for December release. The announcement will resonate through ***Superman #19*** (by Bendis, Reis, and Prado, in stores on January 8th), which picks up one day after ***Superman #18; Action Comics #1019*** (by Bendis, *John Romita Jr, & Klaus Janson,* in stores January 29th), which forces Superman to deal with the public disclosure of his secret identity while also confronting Lex Luthor, the Legion of Doom, and Leviathan; and the 48-page ***Superman: Heroes #1*** oneshot (by Bendis, *Matt Fraction, Jody Houser,* Rucka, *Kevin Maguire, Steve Lieber, Mike Perkins,* and others, in stores January 29th), which reveals how the lives of Lois Lane, Jimmy Olsen, the staff of the Daily Planet, the roster of the Justice League, and others are impacted by the revelation. And of course, the ripples of this storyline will continue to affect the DC Universe for the foreseeable future... but the fun will be seeing just *how* it affects the DCU!

Coming Comics—Image in January

After her violent introduction to the world of sym gangs, Mer struggles to accept her new identity and is forced to become what she hates the most in ***20XX #2*** (by *Lauren Keely & Jonathan Luna*).

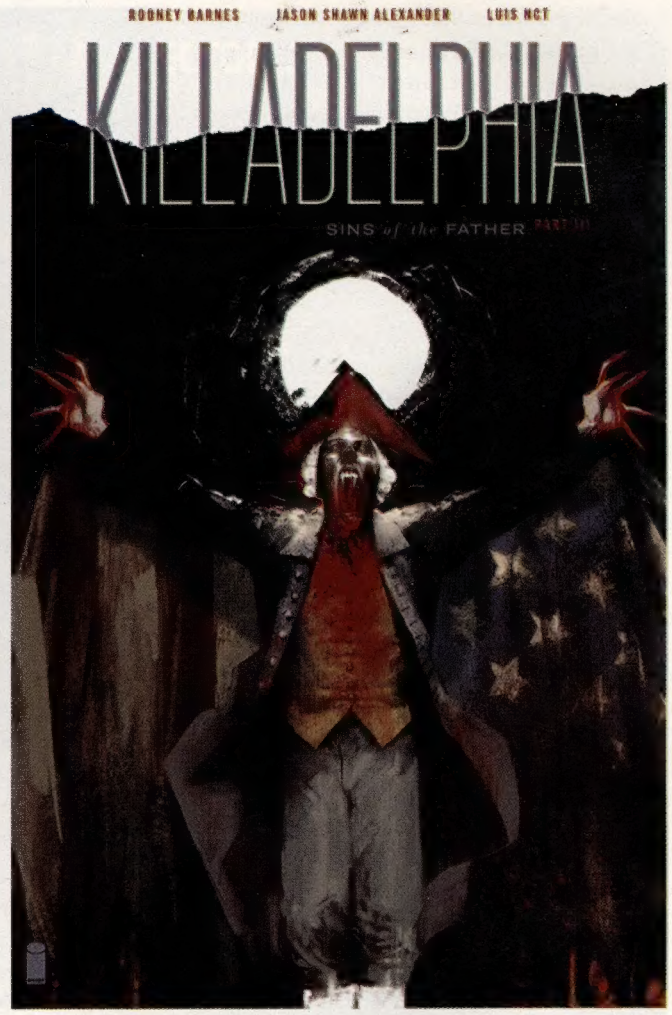
Within three weeks, hundreds of millions of healthy people worldwide contract various forms of aggressive cancer, and the proliferation, seemingly a viral outbreak, stumps the best scientific minds available. But after a leading cancer researcher loses his wife and watches his nine-year-old daughter begin to succumb to the same illness, he must race against the clock to end a global conspiracy that could propel the world straight into WWIII—or worse—in ***The Clock #1*** (by *Matt Hawkins & Colleen Doran*).

As the COPRA leader negotiates for her life with a disgruntled agent in *Michel Fiffe's* ***COPRA #4,*** the team itself maps out their most important mission to date: save the planet from total annihilation. Plus: a major secret origin revealed.

Twenty years ago, Dr Walter Sparrow helped create the Jedidiah Seed. Now, the Jenkins siblings need his help destroying it in ***Farmhand #13*** (by *Rob Guillory & Taylor Wells*). One problem: He just wants to be left the hell alone.

With Hardcore tech in the hands of terrorists, Agent Drake must make a deal with America's Most Wanted before more innocents die in ***Hardcore: Reloaded #2*** (by *Brandon Thomas, Francis Portela, & Leonardo Paciarotti*).

Founding father John Adams steps out of the shadows to reveal himself as the undead source of Philadelphia's vampire outbreak in ***Killadelphia #3*** (by *Rodney Barnes & Jason Shawn Alexander*). With a legion at his command, he makes plans to



cut the rot from America's core. Meanwhile, Jimmy and Jose must fight for their lives at the city morgue as the dead rise off their slabs.

The werewolves are back in *John Upchurch's* ***Lucy Claire: Redemption #2.*** A group of would-be hunters set out to enlist Lucy's help, but they soon realize that she's a shadow of her former self and may not be up to the task. If only there were a secret power Lucy could tap into...

As a malevolent darkness spreads out from Shadowgate, The Marked join with The Shangen and The Mages in a final, all-out assault in ***The Marked #4*** (by *David Hine, Brian Haberlin, & Geirrod Van Dyke*). This time, they *have* to win, because there is no Plan B.

The long-dreaded war between the Federation and Arcanics is about to explode in ***Monstress #25*** (by *Marjorie Liu & Sana Takeda*) as secret peace negotiations are threatened and the Old Gods conspire. Now, Maika must choose her next steps: will she help her friends or strike out on her own?

One phone call for help and all hell breaks loose for three strangers connected by bad luck, a twist of fate, and a gun in a puddle of rain in ***November Volume II HC*** (by *Matt Fraction & Elsa Charretier*). In the middle of a dense criminal underworld, these strangers' lives collide on one fateful and bloody night in this epic novelistic thriller.

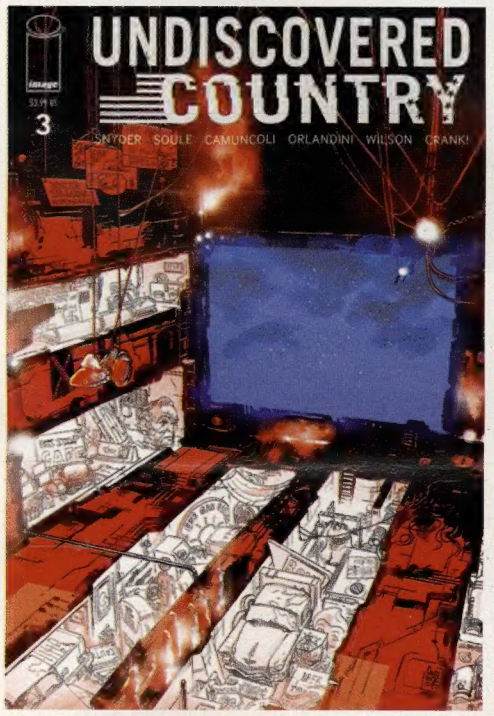
Andy wrestles with her past, and Nile continues to come to grips with her future in ***Old Guard: Force Multiplied #2*** (by *Greg Rucka & Leandro Fernandez*). As their war against human trafficking escalates, their adversary is ultimately revealed, and the looming confrontation will unearth things long buried...

Courtesy of your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Of all the tribes that dwell in the hot ruins of far-future North America, the Hudsoni reign supreme, but even they fear and obey the godlike Devas. When the Devas warn of an old-world demon in the conquered city of Shikka-Go, Hudsoni war chief First Knife decides to deal with the threat personally in ***Protector #1*** (by *Simon Roy, Daniel M. Benson, Artyon Trakhanov, Jason Wordie, & Hassan Otsmane-Elhaou).*

Suzie and Jon—a couple who discover they can stop time when they have sex—are back in action again in ***Sex Criminals #26*** (by *Matt Fraction & Chip Zdarsky)...* and it's their final story arc, so look for a memorable climax in the final issue of this series!

Jessica Priest struggles with her new powers in ***Spawn #305*** (by *Todd McFarlane & Jason Shawn Alexander)* while Eddie Frank fights against the influence of the Redeemer. And Spawn has a final showdown with Medieval Spawn that will alter the course of the war between Heaven and Hell.



The expedition undertakes a desperate attempt to rescue a member of the team from the Destiny Man's strange caravan city in ***Undiscovered Country #3*** (by *Scott Snyder, Charles Soule, & Giuseppe Camuncoli).* Success or certain doom hinges on Americana expert Ace Kenyatta, PhD—what he knows about the new lands... and what he doesn't.

Image collected editions include:

- ***Blackbird Volume 1 TP (New Printing),*** collecting ***Blackbird #s 1–6.***
- ***The Complete Witchblade Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Witchblade #s 1–19, The Darkness #s 9 & 10,*** and ***Tales of the Witchblade #s 1/2 & 3.***
- ***Ice Cream Man Volume 2: Strange Neapolitan TP (New Printing),*** collecting ***Ice Cream Man #s 5–8.***
- ***Lazarus Volume 6: Fracture I TP,*** collecting ***Lazarus: Risen #s 1–3.***
- ***Nailbiter: The Deluxe Murder Edition Volume 1 HC (New Printing),*** collecting ***Nailbiter #s 1–10*** along with sketches, a process section, the pitch, and a script.
- ***Reaver Volume 1: Hell's Half-Dozen TP,*** collecting ***Reaver #s 1–6.***
- ***Space Bandits TP,*** collecting ***Space Bandits #s 1–5.***
- ***Thumbs Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Thumbs #s 1–5.***
- ***The Weatherman Volume 1 TP (New Printing),*** collecting ***The Weatherman #s 1–6.***

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One of the biggest battles in Superman history tears through Metropolis as the supervillain team-up of Lex Luthor, the Legion of Doom, and Leviathan comes to change Superman's city forever in ***Action Comics #1019*** (by *Brian Bendis, John Romita Jr, & Klaus Janson).* Meanwhile, the Man of Steel must also deal with the public disclosure of his secret identity.

As the birth of Aquaman and Mera's child grows near, ***Aquaman #56*** (by *Kyle Higgins, Aaron Lopresti, & Matt Ryan)* presents a story that takes place days after their engagement, shedding new light on Aquaman and Mera's plans for their future.

Is June Branch a woman fighting for her life—or a deranged axe murderer with a basketful of paranoid fantasies? In ***Basketful of Heads #4*** (by *Joe Hill & Leomacs),* she makes a desperate nighttime run for the Brody Island Police Department, unsure whether she's a victim who needs protection—or a killer who must be stopped!

After her disastrous dust-up with Oracle, Batgirl must regroup in ***Batgirl #43*** (by *Cecil Castellucci & Cian Tormey).* But when Barbara Gordon's boss sends her to Chicago, she must confront the city's greatest threat... her estranged mother!

It's a new day in Gotham City, but not the same old Batman. With Bane vanquished and one of his longtime allies gone, Batman has to start picking up the pieces and stepping up his game in ***Batman #86*** (by *James Tynion IV, Tony S. Daniel, & Danny Miki).* Batman has a new plan for Gotham City, but he's not the only one. Deathstroke has returned as well, under a mysterious new contract that could change everything.

Batwoman is doing her best to find Blight, but time is running out in ***Batman Beyond #40*** (by *Dan Jurgens & Sean Chen).* The evil villain is looking to take Terry's body for good, which would give him a whole new lease on his criminal life. And rather than wait for Batwoman to come to him, Blight takes the fight to her!

Everything Batman thought he knew about the Wayne family secret is turned upside down in *Sean Murphy's* ***Batman: Curse of the White Knight #6*** as Azrael and Joker usher anarchy into Arkham—and after a final word with Jack, Harley faces an impossible choice!

Why did a blackmailer become a murderer? How does the Batman survive an opponent who can kill him with his own mind? Find out in ***The Batman's Grave #4*** (by *Warren Ellis & Bryan Hitch).*

Ra's al Ghul and his army of assassins turn their attention toward Black Lightning in ***Batman and the Outsiders #9*** (by *Bryan Hill & Dexter Soy).* They've done something terrible to him that can never be fixed, and Black Lightning will need the Outsiders to stop him from crossing a line that could change his life forever.

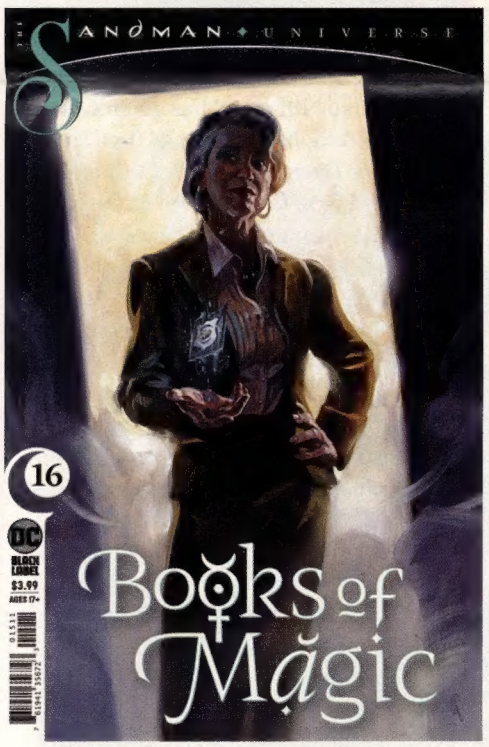
Driven to solve the mystery of his parents' murders, teenage loner Bruce Wayne hones his detective and combat skills as he scours the underbelly of Gotham City looking for clues in ***Batman: Overdrive TP*** (a graphic novel for kids by *Shea Fontana & Marcelo DiChiara).* Feeling responsible, Bruce is eager to find someone to pin the blame on, so he can absolve himself of the guilt he feels. As he rebuilds his dad's first car, his quest for freedom—while still clinging to the past—becomes clear. Finding the correct

parts forces Bruce to open himself up to new friendships and challenges, ultimately leading him to what he desires most: freedom!

The Secret Six may have met their match when they faced the combined might of the World's Finest Heroes in ***Batman/Superman #6*** (by *Joshua Williamson & David Marquez*), but don't count these infected heroes out yet. With the Batman Who Laughs freed from his prison at last, the clock is ticking for the Dark Knight and the Man of Steel to track down the escaped Deathbringer, Sky Tyrant, King Shazam, Scarab, and—the most tragic to Superman—his cousin Kara.

Everyone knows that Gotham City needs Batman, but a shadowy group is running a competition to replace him in *Neal Adams'* ***Batman vs Ra's Al Ghul #5***. But Deadman has his own idea of the next steps to take!

Black Canary's life has spiraled out of control: Her personal life is going through the wringer, and her band is in crisis when an old flame resurfaces only to flicker out and set her on an all-new mission against an all-new opponent in ***Birds of Prey #1*** (by *Brian Azzarello, Emanuela Lupacchino, & Ray McCarthy*). The only thing she has to be grateful for is the fact that she's not alone: Huntress finds herself on a collision course with Black Canary's quarry at Detective Montoya's urging. Meanwhile, Harley Quinn has resurfaced outside of Gotham City and out of the Suicide Squad, with a new lease on life that is sure to make everyone else's life more complicated.



Tim's burgeoning magical abilities got onto the radar of the London police, but he was able to keep them at bay... until Detective Celia Culpepper of the Other Side took his case. She's a sorcerer herself—quite a powerful one, it seems—and now there's no place Tim can hide in ***Books of Magic #16*** (by *Kat Howard, Tom Fowler, & Craig Taillefer*). But *should* he hide? Or does Celia have much grander plans for Tim than locking him away?

The fight between Catwoman and Raina Creel turns personal in *Joëlle Jones's* ***Catwoman #19*** as the Creel goons descend on the pawn shop. Their target? Catwoman's right-hand man, Carlos.

In the gaslit splendor of late 19th-century New York, rage builds inside 14-year-old Daphne. The sudden death of her father has left her alone with her irresponsible, grief-stricken mother—who becomes easy prey for a group of occultists promising to contact her dead husband. While fighting to disentangle her mother from these charlatans, Daphne begins to sense a strange, insidious presence in her own body... an entity with unspeakable appetites. What does "Brother" want? And could she even stop him if she tried? Find out in ***Daphne Byrne #1*** (by *Laura Marks & Kelley Jones*), a new Hill House series.

When the electric grid and cloud computing get knocked out on the same night, the Metropolis High Hamsters aren't quite sure how to deal with a cafeteria that only accepts cash. And some of the girls are more affected than others: Batgirl without her smartphone barely makes it to school at all, but Green Lantern is mostly determined to keep her friends safe. Speaking of which, has anyone seen Bumblebee? With half the team out of commission, the girls must find the source of the problem and fix it before Sweet Justice runs out of nonfrozen desserts in ***DC Super Hero Girls: Powerless TP*** (by *Amy Wolfram & Agnes Garbowska*).

What is an axe-wielding cult leader from the 1600s doing in present-day Gotham? Find out in ***Detective Comics #1019*** (by *Peter Tomasi & Scott Godlewski*).

As Bruce struggles to pick up the pieces of his life in the aftermath of Alfred Pennyworth's death, the absence of the man who had always helped him is felt with devastating consequences in ***Detective Comics Annual #3*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Sumit Kumar, & Eduardo Risso*).

Miguel and Summer's quest for the H-Dial takes them to Apokolips in ***Dial H for Hero #11*** (by *Sam Humphries & Joe Quinones*). But even with victory so close, Mr Thunderbolt always has one more trick up his sleeve...

Childhood ends. Children grow up. And young Alice is now a mother herself, raising her daughter alone in 1990s London in ***The Dollhouse Family #3*** (by *Mike Carey, Peter Gross, & Vince Locke*). But the Dollhouse has never forgotten the promise that she made. The Dollhouse knows where she's gone. And so does Jenny, the ghost of the girl who died in her orphanage...

Protecting the City Enduring's population of 20 billion aliens gets even harder when rookie Green Lantern Jo Mulein is thrust into the middle of a massive protest that's about to get out of hand in ***Far Sector #3*** (by *NK Jemisin & Jamal Campbell*). What do the protesters want? The right to *feel*.

Wally West gets to the heart of his mission to save the Multiverse in ***Flash Forward #5*** (by *Scott Lobdell, Brett Booth, & Norm Rapmund*)... and the heart he finds is his own. When it's discovered that the dark multiversal world threatening all of existence is the world in which Wally's children are alive, our hero must overcome his greatest fears, regrets, and anger to do what's right.

The Flash battles Captain Cold for the last time in ***The Flash #86*** (by *Joshua Williamson & Christian Duce*). With the Speed Force in chaos, can Glider help channel Flash's powers long enough to overthrow her brother, Captain Cold?

Witness the final showdown between the forces of freedom and the axis of oppression in ***Freedom Fighters #12*** (by *Robert Venditti & Eddy Barrows*). Will a fully powered Uncle Sam be enough to stop Cyborg Overman?

What dark impulses must Phantom Lady tap into to stop the Plasstic Men? And did Adolf Hitler III just murder his own father in cold blood?

Melmoth has summoned the Monster League of Evil from the depths of the Multiverse to serve as his minions and destroy the Gotham City Monsters. Dracula, the Wolfman, the Mummy, and... Frankenstein?! It's Frank vs Frank in ***Gotham City Monsters #5*** (by *Steve Orlando & Amancay Nahuelpan).*

Will Hal Jordan and his fascist band of Blackstars sublimate the entire universe to the diamond will of Controller Mu? Can the timeline ever be restored before more of Earth's heroes perish? Find out in ***Green Lantern: Blackstars #3*** (by *Grant Morrison & Xermanico).*

Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy have had it up to here with the Floronic Man's attacks, and now they're ready to bring the fight to him in ***Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy #5*** (by *Jody Houser, Adriana Melo, & Mark Morales).* The only problem is... they don't know where to find him! So they seek out the help of Batwoman—who's hesitant to believe in the good intentions of former villains.

The Batman Who Laughs has infected Hawkman, and now Carter is drawing on the worst versions of himself from his past incarnations. This evil Hawkman is seeking to access the ancient tomb whence all his powers flow in ***Hawkman #20*** (by *Robert Venditti, Pat Olliffe, & Tom Palmer).* Meanwhile, the Atom and Hawkwoman are in pursuit, hoping to stop their friend from doing something terrible...

Prince Keldor's pursuit of Anti-He-Man leads him and the He-Men of alternate worlds to an Eternia conquered by Skeletor, where they must team with unlikely allies to save Castle Grayskull in ***He-Man and the Masters of the Multiverse #3*** (by *Tim Seeley, Dan Fraga, & Richard Friend).*

Young Poquita has fled the abusive foster family that's held her hostage... but in an abandoned refugee prison on the southern border, she'll find that her traveling companion is not the kindly, grateful kitten she started the journey with. It's an aspect of the Corinthian made flesh in ***House of Whispers #17*** (by *Nalo Hopkinson, Dan Watters, & Dominike "Domo" Stanton).*

In ***John Constantine: Hellblazer #3*** (by *Simon Spurrier & Aaron Campbell),* John has found the cause of the magical madness slaughtering gang members on Peckham Rye... and it's just one guy! How hard can it be to stop him? Well, when the gangs get involved and the source of his power becomes clear, the answer turns out to be "Near impossible, actually!"

In the wake of the Justice/Doom War, the Justice League find themselves stranded at the far end of the universe and facing a challenge they've never faced before in ***Justice League #39*** (by *Scott Snyder*—who says farewell to ***JL*** with this issue— *& Jorge Jimenez).* But what will they find on their journey? Has their battle with Perpetua had consequences reaching further across the cosmos than they ever imagined?

It's Wonder Woman vs Circe in ***Justice League Dark #19*** (by *James Tynion IV, Alvaro Martinez Bueno, & Raul Fernandez)*! Does the Justice League Dark stand a chance against their evil counterparts? Maybe, but one of our heroes will have to make a deal with their greatest enemy to secure a power that could turn the tide of this Witching War!

Green Lantern Jessica Cruz and the new JLO have their first encounter with their lost friend Cyborg in ***Justice League Odyssey #17*** (by *Dan Abnett & Will Conrad).* Will Victor Stone's hidden messages be the clue to releasing him from Darkseid's deadly grip—or is Vic gone forever?

With the wraith of King Tyr and Mol Uhltep hot on her trail and the Last God's foul curse worsening in ***The Last God #4*** (by *Phillip Kennedy Johnson & Riccardo Federici),* Queen Cyanthe must rally her surviving allies within the walls of the Guild Eldritch's newly restored stronghold, the Pinnacle, and convince them to join her on her quest to travel past the edge of creation once more and do what she could not 30 years ago: kill the Last God, Mol Uhltep, once and for all.

You knew there was no way Jon Kent was going to leave his best friend behind! Welcome to the future, Damian Wayne! (This is such a terrible idea!) Also, meet the new Legionnaires in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #3*** (by *Brian Bendis, Travis Moore, & Ryan Sook)* as they head to a secret undercover mission on the first man-made planet: Planet Gotham.

El and Octavia's memories have gone missing in ***The Low, Low Woods #2*** (by *Carmen Maria Machado & Dane).* Like so many women in Shudder-To-Think, PA, before them, all they have is a void where the truth once was. But as time passes, El finds herself needing to know more about what has happened, while Octavia wants nothing more than to forget the forgetting.

Who is the Hunted God? That is what Lucifer must discover in ***Lucifer #16*** (by *Dan Watters & Sebastian Fiumara)* after prophecy dictates he must save this mysterious prey from a deadly fate in the Wild Hunt, a mythic quest led by Odin himself.

It looks like Nth metal has given Gold true sentience in ***Metal Men #4*** (by *Dan DiDio, Shane Davis, & Michelle Delecki)*—and it's threatening to do the same to the rest of the Metal Men against Doc Magnus's wishes! After all, Magnus already gave them sentience to begin with, right?

Ric Grayson once had a life as a sidekick to Batman—a life he forgot when a terrible gunshot wound erased his memories. Then his long-lost grandfather, who is also a superassassin called Talon, returned to his life and implanted false memories into his brain. Now, with Talon vanquished, Ric Grayson has to shake loose the truth. Is he the man he has created for himself, or is there still some of the old Nightwing lurking around inside his head? Find out in ***Nightwing #68*** (by *Dan Jurgens & Ronan Cliquet).*

After a gunshot leaves her paralyzed below the waist, Barbara Gordon must undergo physical and mental rehabilitation at Arkham Center for Independence in ***The Oracle Code TP*** (a young adult graphic novel by *Marieke Nijkamp & Manuel Preitano).* She must adapt to a new normal, but she cannot shake the feeling that something is dangerously amiss. Strange sounds escape at night while patients start to go missing.

In modern-day Hub City, Vic Sage died. And then he woke up. In Hub City... in the 1800s! The legend of the Man with No Face rides across the Old West in ***The Question: The Deaths of Vic Sage #2*** (by *Jeff Lemire, Denys Cowan, & Bill Sienkiewicz),* discovering a shocking connection running through his-

tory all the way to the day he died... and pointing to more carnage yet to come!

Red Hood is thrilled Artemis and Bizarro are back in ***Red Hood: Outlaw #42*** (by *Scott Lobdell & Paulo Pantalena)*... but so much has changed for the Outlaws. For the moment they're mentors to the next generation of supervillains—and if you don't think the kids are going to challenge their new teacher, Bizarro... then you don't know Generation Outlaw! Plus, Jason and Artemis finally follow up on that kiss (you know the one!)... but their feelings surprise them both!

The magical superhero adventure continues as the seventh member of the Shazam! Family is finally chosen in ***Shazam! #10*** (by *Geoff Johns, Dale Eaglesham, & Marco Santucci)*—and it will change Billy Batson and his brothers and sisters forever! But can this new family come together to stop the deadly, all-new Monster Society?

A new Task Force X has been assembled in ***Suicide Squad #2*** (by *Tom Taylor & Bruno Redonod)*—even before the bodies of teammates and friends have had a chance to cool! What's left standing may be the most capable and uncompromising Suicide Squad ever brought together. But it's also the most divided...

After Batman and Superman couldn't stop the Infected Supergirl, they knew they had to call in the only person they trust can bring Kara back: Wonder Woman! Will Diana's compassion be enough to cure Kara of the infection that's taken over? If not, what's a fight between an uninhibited Kryptonian powerhouse and a god like? Find out in ***Supergirl #38*** (by *Jody Houser & Rachael Stott).*

What happens the day after Superman reveals his secret identity to the world? See what repercussions his decision will have across the entire DC Universe in ***Superman #19*** (by *Brian Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado).*

Lois Lane, Jimmy Olsen, the staff of the Daily Planet, even the Justice League—their lives all changed when Superman revealed his secret identity to the world! ***Superman: Heroes #1*** (by *Brian Bendis, Matt Fraction, Jody Houser, Greg Rucka, Kevin Maguire, Steve Lieber, Mike Perkins,* and others) explores what the identity of Clark Kent meant to

those close to him—and what their relationship to Superman will be in the future. All the rules are about to change—and it all starts here.

How can there be five different Jimmys, and how will our Jimmy keep the other four Jimmys together without bursting into smithereens? That's a problem Jimmy will have to solve in ***Superman's Pal, Jimmy Olsen #7*** (by *Matt Fraction & Steve Lieber).*

The Other's identity is revealed in ***Teen Titans #38*** (by *Adam Glass & Bernard Chang)*—and it's someone very close to Damian! Now that he understands the Other's mission, will Damian be tempted to join him?

The Terrifics have traveled to the very beginning of time to put an end to Bizarro's reign of clock-clashing terror! But who are the mysterious angels helping Ms Terrific navigate the void? Find out in ***The Terrifics #24*** (by *Gene Luen Yang, Sergio Davila, & Vicente Cifuentes).*

The Titans have traced the source that induced paranoia in the streets—but Steve Dayton, the former Mento, had nothing to do with it! In reality, the mayhem was instigated by his disgruntled assistant, who now plans to kill Dayton in ***Teen Titans: Burning Rage #6*** (by *Scot Eaton & Wayne Faucher)*—unless the Titans can stop him!

Wonder Woman reaches the 750-issue landmark in January, and DC is celebrating with an all-star 96-page special issue featuring stories by longtime favorites and acclaimed new voices, including *Vita Ayala, Marguerite Bennett, Kami Garcia, Dean Hale, Shannon Hale, Jeff Loveness, Steve Orlando, Greg Rucka, Gail Simone, Mariko Tamaki, Elena Casagrande, Colleen Doran, Jesus Merino, Gabriel Picolo,* and others. In the lead story, Wonder Woman's epic "Year of the Villain" battle comes to a close, leading the way to new challenges ahead. In addition, this oversized gem tells tales from Diana's past, present, and future—and *Joshua Middleton, Jenny Frison, J. Scott Campbell, Olivier Coipel, George Pérez, Brian Bolland, Adam Hughes,* and *Jim Lee & Scott Williams* contribute striking decades-themed covers.

Colonel 86—the malfunctioning supercomputer that still thinks it's 1986—has taken over the world in ***Wonder Twins #11*** (by *Mark Russell & Stephen Byrne).* As its obsolete memory creates one disaster after another, the Wonder Twins must team up with Filo and Polly Math to stop it!

Apex predator Lex Luthor is on the hunt for the Batman Who Laughs in ***Year of the Villain: Hell Arisen #2*** (by *James Tynion IV & Steve Epting).* To catch his prey, he must follow a trail of broken heroes... leading him to Jim Gordon, one of the victims of the Batman Who Laughs' deadly virus that turned the heroic police commissioner into the worst version of himself. The trail leads Lex to a lonely cell in the Hall of Justice—but it's not the good guys who come to stop him. It's more of the Batman Who Laughs' dangerous operatives! And if they couldn't resist the influence of the Dark Multiverse, then how can Lex?

Naomi, the Wonder Twins, and Young Justice all come together for the first time in ***Young Justice #12*** (by *Brian Bendis & John Timms)* to confront the secrets behind the entire first year of the teen team's series. Where did Connor Kent come from? Why does Bart Allen remember everyone, but no one else does? How does it all connect to Jinny Hex's trunk?
Is this suspicion simply a result of her trauma, or does Barbara actually hear voices coming from the center's labyrinthine hallways? It's up to Barbara to put the pieces together to solve the mysteries behind the walls.

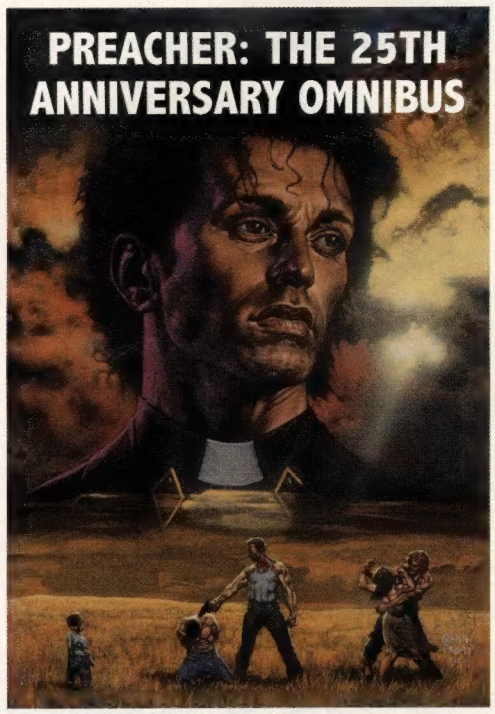
DC's ***Dollar Comics*** offerings for January include:

- ***The Brave and the Bold #197,*** the wedding of Batman and Catwoman.
- ***Batman Adventures #12,*** the first appearance of Harley Quinn.
- ***Batman/Huntress: Cry for Blood #1.***
- ***Detective Comics #554,*** the introduction of Black Canary's 1980s costume.

DC collected editions (advance solicited for February, March, and April release) include:

- ***Absolute Fables Book One HC,*** collecting ***Fables #s 1–29*** and ***Fables: The Last Castle*** in one massive volume.
- ***Animal Man by Grant Morrison Book One TP,*** collecting ***Animal Man #s 1–13*** and ***Secret Origins #39.***

• ***Batman: Broken City TP (New Edition),*** collecting ***Batman #s 620–625.***
• ***Batman: Detective Comics Volume 1—Mythology TP,*** collecting ***Detective #s 994–999.***
• ***Batman: White Knight—The Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting the eight-issue series along with extras including sketches, designs, and *Sean Murphy's* original inked pages, plus a brand-new cover by Murphy!
• ***Batman: The Dark Knight Detective Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Detective #s 592–600.***
• ***Billy Batson and the Magic of Shazam! Book One TP,*** collecting ***Billy Batson and the Magic of Shazam! #s 1–12.***
• ***Detective Comics #359 Facsimile Edition,*** an ads-and-all reprint of the book that first introduced Batgirl.
• ***Ex Machina Compendium One TP,*** collecting ***Ex Machina #s 1–25 & Ex Machina Special #s 1–2.***
• ***The Flash of Two Worlds Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***The Flash #s 123, 129, 137, 151, 170, & 173.***
• ***The Flash by Geoff Johns Omnibus Volume 1 HC (New Edition),*** collecting ***The Flash #s 164–191, The Flash: Our Worlds at War #1, The Flash: Iron Heights #1,*** and ***The Flash Secret Files #3.***
• ***Green Arrow: Year One Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting the six-issue series.
• ***Harley Quinn and the Gotham Girls TP,*** collecting ***Gotham Girls #s 1–5.***
• ***House of Whispers Volume 2: Ananse TP,*** collecting ***House of Whispers #s 7–12.***
• ***Jack of Fables Deluxe Edition Book Three HC,*** collecting ***Jack of Fables #36–50.***
• ***Justice League: Corporate Maneuvers TP,*** collecting ***Justice League Quarterly #s 1–4.***
• ***Legion of Super-Heroes: The Road to Legion TP,*** collecting ***Superman #s 14–15, Supergirl #33,*** and ***Legion of Super-Heroes: Millennium #s 1–2.***



• ***Preacher: The 25th Anniversary Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Preacher #s 1–33, Preacher Special: Saint of Killers #s 1–4,*** and ***Preacher Special: Cassidy—Blood & Whiskey #1.***
• ***Sgt Rock: The Lost Battalion TP (New Edition),*** collecting the six-issue *Billy Tucci* miniseries and more.

• ***The Spectre: The Wrath of the Spectre Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Showcase #s 60, 61, & 64; The Brave and the Bold #s 72–75, 116, 180, & 199; The Spectre #s 1–10; Adventure Comics #s 431–440; DC Comics Presents #29;*** and ***Ghosts #s 97–99.***
• ***Superman: Man of Steel Omnibus by John Byrne Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Action Comics #s 584–593 & Annual #1, Adventures of Superman #s 424–435 & Annual #1, Legion of Super-Heroes #s 37–38, Superman #s 1–11 & Annual #1,*** and ***The Man of Steel #s 1–6.***
• ***Swamp Thing: Tales from the Bayou TP,*** collecting stories from ***Cursed Comics Cavalcade #1, Swamp Thing Giant #s 1–7 (first series), Swamp Thing Winter Special #1, Swamp Thing's Halloween Horror #1,*** and ***Young Monsters in Love #1.***
• ***Tales from the Dark Multiverse HC,*** collecting ***Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Batman: Knightfall #1, Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Death of Superman #1, Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Blackest Night #1, Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Infinite Crisis #1,*** and ***Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Teen Titans: The Judas Contract #1.***
• ***Weird Western Tales: Jonah Hex HC,*** collecting stories from ***All-Star Western #s 10–11*** and ***Weird Western Tales #s 12–14 & 16–38.***
• ***Wonder Woman by George Pérez Volume 4 TP,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman #s 36–45 & Annual #2.***

Coming in June from DC Collectibles

• ***Batman Black & White: Batman by Todd McFarlane Deluxe Statue,*** a *Jonathan Matthews* sculpt based on *Todd McFarlane's* cover for ***Batman #423.***
• ***DC Cover Girls: Catwoman Wedding Dress by Joëlle Jones Statue,*** depicting the thus-far-unused dress designed by Jones and sculpted by *Jack Mathews.*
• ***DC Artists Alley: Aquaman by Chris Uminga Designer Vinyl Figure,*** continuing *Chris Uminga's* successful run of vinyl figures in the DC Artists Alley line.
• ***Harley Quinn Red, White, & Black: Harley Quinn by Guillem March Statue,*** a *Jonathan Matthews* sculpture based on the cover for ***Harley Quinn #58.***
• ***Superman vs Darkseid Statue (Third Edition),*** a new casting of the statue by *Ray Villafane* featuring some brand-new paint decos.
• ***DC Essentials Batman Rebirth Version 2, The Flash Speed Force, Nightwing New 52,*** and ***Superman: The Return of Superman Action Figures,*** each approximately 7" tall; each figure is available separately.

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in January

With nowhere left to run but into the Predators' ship, every turn leads Maria and Tyler deeper into danger in ***Aliens vs Predator: Thicker Than Blood #2*** (by *Jeremy Barlow & Doug Wheatley*)—until they discover a captive xenomorph. Could the Alien be the weapon to tip the scales in their favor, or will they find themselves caught in a crossfire?

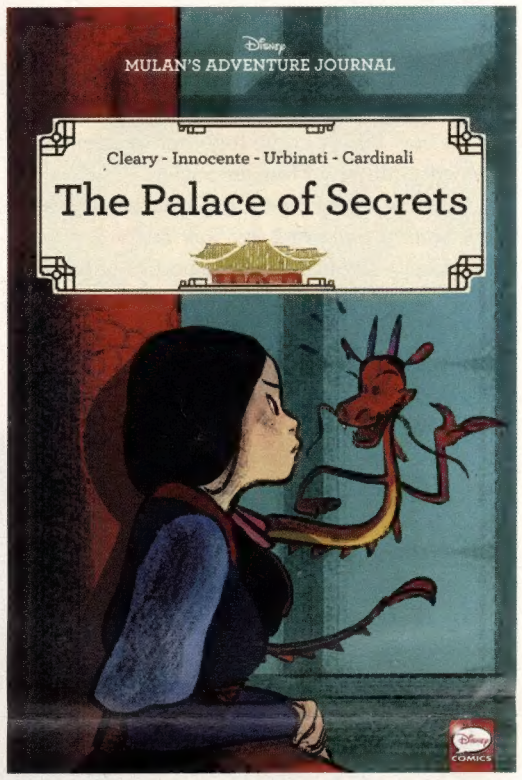
ApocalyptiGirl: An Aria for the End Times HC (Second Edition), the premiere graphic novel from ***Head Lopper*** creator *Andrew MacLean,* is an action-packed exploration of the extremes of humanity and our desire for a home in a world beyond repair. The second-edition hardcover includes more story, a new cover, and process material never seen before.

In Nazi-occupied Paris, the death toll mounts, but the killer's motive and whereabouts remain unknown. The investigation uncovers a name—a doctor whose skill and expertise match that of the meticulous criminal. But is this doctor the sadistic killer operating in the shadows or just another victim of the Gestapo? Find out in ***The Butcher of Paris #2*** (by *Stephanie Phillips & Dean Kotz).*

Jerri Bartman is battling the bottle, supernatural beasts, and a compulsory knack for self-destruction in ***Count Crowley: Reluctant Midnight Monster Hunter #4*** (by *David Dastmalchian & Lukas Ketner).* If she's going to survive, she'll have to stay sober long enough to put up a good fight, learn a thing or two about killing a monster, and face the most frightening fiend of all... her past.

Now that Bloody Bliss has witnessed firsthand the carnage of D'Kayde, she prepares to face him in battle in ***Crone #3*** (by *Dennis Culver, Justin Greenwod, & Ramon Villalobos).* But what can an old crone do against a resurrected warlord of death?

Disney's Alice in Wonderland: The Story of the Movie in Comics HC presents a retelling of the acclaimed animated fantasy film.



Follow the fearless hero on a quest to save China for the second time in ***Disney's Mulan's Adventure Journal: The Palace of Secrets TP*** (by *Rhona Cleary & Agnese Innocente),* a story that is interwoven with pages from Mulan's own journal.

Disney•Pixar Onward: The Story of the Movie in Comics HC brings the film story to the printed page. Fenris—the beloved character from ***Dragon Age II***—makes his comics debut in ***Dragon Age: Blue Wraith #1*** (by *Nunzio DeFilippis, Christina Weir, & Fernando Heinz Furukawa).* With the fanatical Qunari seeking to topple the Tevinter mageocracy, one powerful young mage's desperate search for her father brings her face to face with a notorious mage hunter—Fenris, the Blue Wraith.

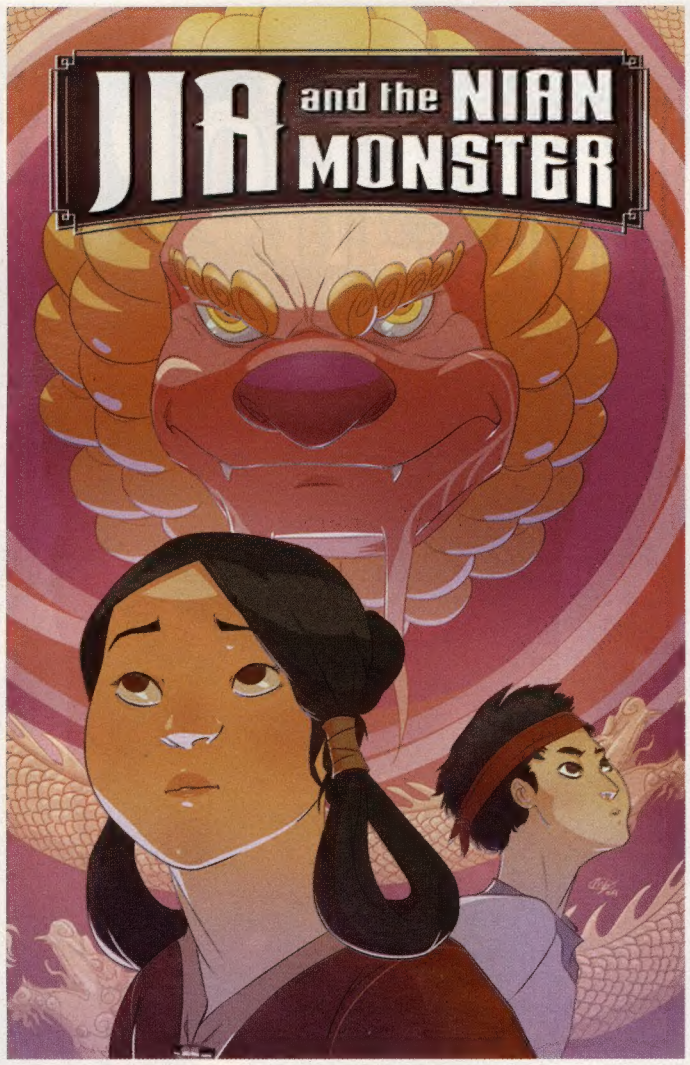
Skywise has always been the companion to the hero, Cutter Kinseeker. But now Cutter is gone, his body part of the reborn Father Tree, his spirit free to roam. Life goes on for the stargazer in ***ElfQuest: Stargazer's Hunt #2*** (by *Wendy Pini, Richard Pini, & Sonny Strait);* he now has a daughter, the amazing and gifted Jink, who lives to see her father happy. But a shocking secret lies concealed beneath the beautiful facade of Skywise's tranquil life.

Frankenstein's creator lies dead in the icy grip of the Arctic, and the monster searches for a new purpose in ***Frankenstein Undone #1*** (by *Mike Mignola, Scott Allie, & Ben Stenbeck)*. Just as he thinks he's found one with a group of unlikely companions, disaster strikes—and the monster is catapulted out of *Mary Shelley's* novel and into the world of Hellboy.

Grafity's Wall HC (by *Ram V & Anand Radhakrishnan)* is a coming-of-age graphic novel about rebellion, ambition, self-expression, and acceptance, expertly painted against the backdrop of Mumbai's ever-changing and evolving street culture: a glimpse into the incandescent lives of four teens chasing their dreams impeded and inspired by the impossible city that they live in.

With his home planet possibly destroyed, has Grendel Prime discovered a new home for humanity's rebirth—or has he found an icy, permanent tomb for himself and Sigma-7? Far in space, an intelligent alien race holds a startling secret that Prime is about to uncover in *Matt Wagner's* ***Grendel: Devil's Odyssey #4.***

Meet a ghostly miser in an alternate reality; fear the Boogam of rural New York, and embrace the wrath of St Hagan in ***Hellboy Winter Special 2019,*** featuring a trio of tales by *Mike Mignola, Chris Roberson, Scott Allie, Mark Laszio, Leili del Duca, & Andrea Mutti*! The familiar faces of Hellboy, Sarah Jewell, and the legendary Knights of St Hagan will help you ring in the new year with all the shivers you can take—and not all of them from the cold!



Each new year is marked by a monster's attack on their mountain village. This year, young Jia and her friend Deshi have decided to fight back in ***Jia and the Nian Monster*** (by *Mike Richardson & Megan Huang)*. For Deshi, it is the grand adventure he has always dreamed of. For Jia, it is revenge for the loss of her mother—who was taken by the monster five years before...

Hattie and Anna knew that executing their plan to kill "Whitey" Donovan would be difficult, but they never anticipated their path to find him would be a literal inferno of war; hunted by the evil Tyson and his devil dogs, attacked by Confederate soldiers—with no allies yet to be found—can they possibly survive long enough to find the vengeance they so desperately seek? Find out in ***Kill Whitey Donovan #2*** (by *Sydney Duncan & Natalia Barahona).*

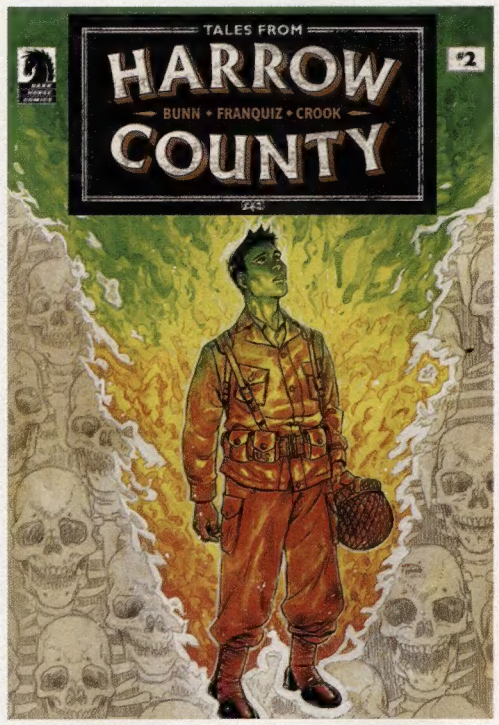
With chaos and absolute power on the presidential agenda, will Big Head take all? The Mask calls out to the minds of those previously under its control and sets pieces into motion that will lead to a conclusion that is explosive in more ways than one in ***The Mask: I Pledge Allegiance to the Mask #1*** (by *Christopher Cantwell & Patric Reynolds).*

Death becomes a patient of a recently bereaved psychoanalyst in *Nicholas Gurewitch's* ***Notes on a Case of Melancholia, or: A Little Death HC***. The topic of discussion? His frolicsome child, who has no apparent interest in grim reaping!

Lara's cold case heats up as she nears the end of her fearless pursuit in ***Ruby Falls #4*** (by *Ann Nocenti & Flavia Biondi)*. But it's not just about answers anymore—lives are endangered, and a broken town must come together to heal its harrowing history.

As Skeleton Boy trains with an uncompromising Skulldigger, a hard-nosed detective seeks them out in ***Skulldigger: From the World of Black Hammer #2*** (by *Jeff Lemire & Tonci Zonjic)*, determined to link the vigilante to the murders that orphaned the boy. But soon supervillain Grimjim's plans come to a head, threatening to throw Spiral City into chaos.

Years after escaping Hawkins Lab, two of Dr Brenner's former subjects seek to live normal lives in ***Stranger Things: Into the Fire #1*** (by *Jody Houser, Ryan Kelly, & Le Beau Underwood)*. When news reaches them that the lab was shut down, they go on a harrowing search for Nine, a powerful pyrokinetic whose shattered psyche threatens to burn them all to ashes if they can't find her and free her from her own malevolent imagination.



As the specter of World War II haunts Harrow County, specters of a more literal sort begin to invade in ***Tales from Harrow County: Death's Choir #2*** (by *Cullen Bunn & Tyler Crook)*. When a ghostly song begins to call forth the spirits of the long-buried, Bernice must work to save the place she calls home, even if some residents may reject her help.

The testimonies of six real survivors of the Holocaust are portrayed in comics form in ***We'll Soon Be Home Again TP*** (by *Jessica Bab Bonde & Peter Bergting)*, illustrating the persecutions in the Ghetto, the dehumanization in the concentration camps, and the industrial-scale mass murder taking place in the extermination camps.

After consulting Panya about the Ripper case and Asquith's suspicious connections with the Heliopic Brotherhood of Ra, the Witchfinder sneaks into the Brotherhood's temple in ***Witchfinder: The Reign of Darkness #3*** (by *Mike Mignola, Chris Roberson, & Christopher Mitten)*. But he's completely unprepared for the informant he finds there!

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for February and March release) include:

- ***Baltimore Omnibus Volume 2 HC,*** collecting the second half of the ***Baltimore*** saga, which includes a new bonus story with art by *Ben Stenbeck.*
- ***Black Hammer/Justice League: Hammer of Justice HC,*** collecting the five-issue crossover.
- ***The Courageous Princess Volume 2: The Unremembered Lands TP,*** a softcover edition of the graphic novel by *Rod Espinosa.*
- ***Disney's The Little Mermaid TP,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- ***Disney Princess: Friends, Family, Fantastic TP,*** mixing a few new stories with some of *Amy Mebberson's* best tales.
- ***Kabuki Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** collecting the original ***Kabuki*** volumes ***Skin Deep*** and ***Metamorphosis***, plus a cover gallery, commentary, and new art.
- ***Machine Gun Wizards TP,*** collecting the series that began as ***Tommy Gun Wizards*** before legal issues ensued.
- ***No One Left to Fight TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- ***StarCraft Volume 3: Survivors TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Umbrella Academy Volume 1: Apocalypse Suite Deluxe Edition HC,*** a deluxe slipcased hardcover collecting the first series, including the expanded 50-page sketchbook section, along with a portfolio containing a new unique print.